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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, REGION 4,  
LANCASTER  
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT  
DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR DRINKING WATER WELLS  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

As the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Region 4, Lancaster:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with H<sub>2</sub>O•R<sup>2</sup> Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide design and inspection services for the construction of five drinking water wells in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Region 4, Lancaster. This project is scheduled to begin in May 2003, with an estimated completion date of 14 months for a not-to-exceed fee of \$465,000 to be funded through District funds, and establish the effective date following Board approval.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the design and construction of five drinking water wells is to supplement the current water supply serving the growing community of Lancaster and to replace wells with high arsenic levels.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Awarding this contract will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility because the contract will allow the Department to manage its resources in a more efficient and responsible manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for the agreement is available from Fiscal Year 2002-03 for Waterworks District No. 40, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund.

The recommended agreement for the project is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$465,000, including \$42,000 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel will be used. The agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, H<sub>2</sub>O•R<sup>2</sup> Consulting Engineers, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

H<sub>2</sub>O•R<sup>2</sup> Consulting Engineers, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A finding of environmental impact is not required for the award of these consultant services agreements. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On January 2, 2003, Public Works sent out requests for proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide as-needed services. The proposals were sent to 37 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. The firms selected as the best qualified were H<sub>2</sub>O•R<sup>2</sup> Consulting Engineers, Inc., Lee and Ro, and CH2M HILL.

Each of the selected firms is being given an abridged Request for Proposal in the selected list order. A concerted effort is also being made to provide each consultant with equitable work opportunities.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. H<sub>2</sub>O•R<sup>2</sup> Consulting Engineers, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel